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SUBJECT: PANAF

REF: LAGOS 4043

1. NEW YORK DISTRICT OFFICE, USDOC, CONTACTED PANAF CHAIRMAN BOLDEN MAY 6. BOLDEN CONFIRMS PARA 3, REFTEL. IN FLYER (COPY INCLUDED WITH OTHER ITEMS IN ANSWER TO PARA 4 BEING AIR POUCHED THIS DATE) WUSHISHI AS SPEAKER IS QUALIFIED"TO BE CONFIRMED."
2. BOLDEN REPORTS OVER 90 REGISTRATIONS PROCESSED FOR MAY 28-29 WORKSHOP IN NEW YORK CITY, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALLIS CHALMERS, BANKERS TRUST, AND CHASE MANHATTAN. EACH REGISTRANT PAYS 100.00 DOLLARS; BANQUET COSTS EXTRA. A PARTIAL LISTING OF SPONSORS INCLUDE: CHASE MANHATTAN, COCO-COLA, JOHNSON PRODUCTS, JOHNSTON INDUSTRIES, ITT, AND PARKS SAUSAGE.
3. PANAF WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1972 WITH USDOC OFFICE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (OMBE) ASSISTANCE AND FUNDS.

THE NEW YORK REGIONAL/DISTRICT OFFICE, USDOC IS ENROLLED AS A CO-SPONSOR FOR THIS WORKSHOP AND HAS PREPARED A PRESS RELEASE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO 25 ASSOCIATE OFFICES AND EXPORT SALES MULTIPLIERS (BANKS, TRADE ASSOCIATIONS,

AIR LINES, ETC.) AND HAS ENLISTED THE SUPPORT OF REGIONAL OFFICES AND THE NEW YORK DISTRICT EXPORT COUNCIL.

4. ACCORDING TO BOLDEN, 120 WERE REGISTERED AT ATLANTA CONFERENCE. ATLANTA DISTRICT OFFICE COUNTED 70 ATTENDEES AND POINTED OUT THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF THAT CONFERENCE.

5. FYI: THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HAS BEEN ASKED MAY 5 BY CONGRESSMAN DIGGS TO INVESTIGATE PANAF OMBE FUNDED OPERATIONS AND TO CIRCULATE THE FACT THAT DIGGS IS IN NO WAY ASSOCIATED WITH THAT ORGANIZATION. SINCE PANAF'S CONTRACT WITH OMBE IS UP FOR RENEWAL IN AUGUST, USDOC SCRUTINY OF PANAF PERFORMANCE IS ALREADY UNDER WAY. INGERSOLL

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